GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA

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CONSTRUCTION WORKERS
SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the approximate number of construction workers in the country State-wise;

(b) whether the Government have a proposal to bring any comprehensive legislation for the welfare of these workers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN)

(a): The number of construction workers in the country, State-wise, as per the latest available information from 1991 Census, is annexed.

(b) & (c): The Government has enacted the Building & Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1996 for regulation of employment and conditions of service of the building and other construction workers. The Act provided for safety, health and certain welfare measures like immediate assistance to the beneficiary in case of accident, pension benefits, premium for Group Insurance Scheme, loans and advances for construction of house, assistance for education of children, medical expenses, maternity benefit to female beneficiaries.